



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Mr. Adam Zerrenner
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Dear Mr. Zerrenner:

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) dated April 2010, for the Comal County Regional Habitat Conservation Plan, Application for Incidental Take Permit, Comal County, TX.

EPA classified your DEIS and proposed action as "**LO**," i.e., EPA has "**Lack of Objections**". Our classification will be published on the EPA website, www.epa.gov, according to our responsibility under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act to inform the public of our views on proposed Federal actions.

The preferred alternative would emphasize a comprehensive plan for species within Comal County. EPA encourages holistic efforts such as the RHCP/EIS, which is a more positive approach compared to "piecemealing" individual take permits in Environmental Assessments. Piecemealing could potentially have long-term, negative cumulative impacts to the species and the environment.

EPA appreciates the opportunity to review the DEIS. Please send our office five copies of the FEIS when it is sent to the Office of Federal Activities, EPA (Mail Code 2252A), Ariel Rios Federal Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Sharon L. Osowski of my staff at osowski.sharon@epa.gov or (214) 665-7506 for assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cathy Gilmore".

Cathy Gilmore
Chief, Office of Planning and Coordination